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THE GRYPHON GOLD (AS DISTINCT FROM LEHIGH'S GOLD):

1958	Explanation	Parties	Banquets	Supplies & Equip't.	Misc.
9/22	Banquet-freshmen Week			\$7.90	
2/29	Party of 9/27	\$26.45			
10/2	Piano			\$20.00	
10/8	Ugly-man Contest supplies			15.47	
10/14	Scrapbook for history			4.55	
10/20	Party 10/18 Parents Day	19.23			
10/20	Parents Day Codktail Party	28.39			
10/22	Piano repair and tuning			15.00	
10/23	Stamps			.91	
10/24	House Party	48.85			
11/11	Food-picnic at Campbells	26.50			
11/20	Lafayette Party	27.27			
12/9	Supper-Religious speaker		1.90		
12/16	Singles				\$43.21
12/16	Xmas cards & mailing			5.15	
12/17	Xmas party	28.24			
1/14	Epitome Picture				37.50
2/6	Bank service charge				5.78
2/7	Party of 2/7/59	25.40			
		<u>\$230.33</u>	<u>\$9.80</u>	<u>\$61.08</u>	<u>\$86.49</u>

Parties	\$230.33
Banquets	9.80
Supplies & Equip't	61.08
Misc.	86.49
Total	<u>\$387.70</u>

Income Breakdown	
Dues	\$430.00
Gryphon Dance	64.95
Parking	.98
Sale of Xmas tree	3.00
Balance-last year	3.79
Total	<u>\$502.72</u>

Balance:	
Income	\$502.72
Expense	<u>387.70</u>
BALANCE	<u>\$115.02</u>



# THE PRICKED EAR

or

love requited

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## TORT AND RETORT:

In response to P. Parr's letter of yester-issue, a quotation, half-remembered, was rediscovered in a dusty tome: "(Ye) Lehigh is an educational institutione." (The Venerable Deane, John Leith, 1 ? - 7).

## LIBIDO REGAINED:

With hearts aflutter and emotions agog from a magnificent display of muscularity rampant (and eventually triumphant), the Gryphons were in high gear for their Saturday evening soiree. Thirteen couples bounced about the dance floor in lively manner, with occasional pauses at the bar for a little bounce-restorer. Eleven other assorted Gryphons (no doubt bereft of their loved ones by the madding crowd in Grace Hall) passed among the party-ers at various times to pay respects to our charming chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kropp. Notably present were two loyal alumni, Ray Coates and Walt Grabowsky.

And so at last the girls were reluctantly escorted home, and the last, staunchly social Gryphons settled into a congenial (very!) circle to tell tales of .... a hilarious nature:

One dissonant note: the party would have gotten a better start if preparation had been more complete; we're sure one of those eleven unattached Gryphons would have contributed some time right before the party.

All in all, a fine affair, made successful by the presence of lively people who made fun, instead of waiting to be shown it.

(We feel sure that in view of the above there can be no further question in the matter of 3.0 Gryphons vs. 2.0 men in re redblooded-ness. In addition we note that periods of finals, such as immediately preceded our social event two weeks ago, induce in many individuals a strong compulsion to dilute the blood (indirectly) with various colorless spirits, thus reducing its strength of coloration for a time. This phenomenon, known as "forgettus final-grades in drunko," should not be over-looked by would be analysts of the situation. - Ed.)

SLM

## NEXT ON THE SOCIAL SCHEDULE:

Tomorrow evening on the third floor of the UC, the Gryphons will gather for dinner, to begin promptly at 5:45 - please be there earlier - and a talk by Mr. Kenawell, to begin at 6:45, and finish at least by 7:30.

Weekend after next - the Gryphons trip the light fantastic! Full details next week, but better get out the little black book and start phoning!

## SPEAKING OF COUNSELING...

Following the printing of "Counselor-Freshman Personal Relations" we received a comment from Don Derse, along with a short item that should have you all slipping into a tape measure at the next opportunity...

In answer to Tom Gott's article on counseling published in last week's PRICKED EAR, I agree with his philosophy of friendship reservatus in personal relations with freshmen. My disagreement lies only in the direction that should be taken by Members of the society. My interpretation of Tom's article served to point out that this friendship reservatus is what present counselors should strive more for. In my opinion, counselors should in general strive to be more friendly, and on a closer personal plane than in the past.

There is a fine knife-edge between too much friendship and too little. This is the point toward which counselors should strive. In my opinion, counselors in general are between that knife-edge and not enough friendship. The problem is not too much but not enough.

Conservatism points toward this friendship reservatus, but in doing so, hampers the counselor in his work. Although more dangerous than friendship reservatus, more friendship is important in gaining





that ever 'elusive intangible that counselors strive for in dealing with freshmen - rapport. DFD

#### HOW DO YOU FIT?

In interviewing some prospective counselors, I came upon the idea of trying to find out from them what kind of a mental picture they would draw of the "ideal counselor". Following is a short sketch of this hypothetical person.

In appearance he would be about 6 ft. tall as opposed to 5 ft. tall. He would not be fat or skinny but of average build. In looks he would tend toward Rock Hudson (!-Ed.) as opposed to Don Knotts of Steve Allen fame.

Getting away from the more humorous, but nevertheless semi-important attributes of counselors, we get to counselor actions. The freshman would rather have a 3.0 counselor that had dates, who went to athletic events, than a 4.0 counselor who is a room-worm and only helps them with their homework. They also expressed an opinion that closer personal relationship would be a help, such as going to the show, snack bar, gym, etc. together.

I don't think any of us can qualify for the "ideal counselor", but we can see things here that may help us toward that goal. DFD

#### SPORTS UNILLUSTRATED:

The Gryphon cagers made it 4-2 for the season, by making sauce of M-M A-1 to the tune of 36-24. To the cheers of a record crowd of two Capt. Mike Gordon and his crew outclassed their opponents from the start. Ernie Schickedanz is missed on the team, but Don "Bear" Derse has switched from brawn to brains playing (though he reserves occasional spurts of power for crucial moments). Rounding out the team were high scorer (13) Dave Eyer, Ba-ba Fowler, Andy Niller, Jim Perneski, John Hackworth, Tom Gott. Final game of the schedule will be played this Tuesday, and we suggest you be there if possible to cheer the boys on.

Bill Bradbury reports that intramural wrestling is on the way, and prospects should contact him soon, since the application must be in by Friday. See him for further details and a schedule.

#### FUZZY'S FURIOUS!

Where are the questionnaires about valentines and subject passes or failures requested 3 weeks ago? You were reminded of this in the recent house meetings. Only sixty percent of these have been returned.

#### A COUNSELOR'S GALLERY OF ROGUES

After his own carefully rehearsed joke flopped, your counseling advisor inadvertently got a laugh when he introduced the guest speaker at one counselor's meeting last year as "the man who put all those blank pages in the Counselor's Handbook." The pages referred to were prepared by Dean Leith, and placed in Section 6, entitled "Personal counseling on specific problems."

Section 6 suggests a number of characterizations of "typical" freshman students, some of which would worry the coolest of counselors. The counselor was to note for his own use some typical problems which he might encounter during the course of the year. In addition it was planned that the characterizations would provide a common data language or framework which would help the counselors share some of their problems (and gripes!). Last spring, then, each counselor was asked to send in his notes on a couple of these persons. The following is a synthesis of notes on one of these (more will follow):

##### 6.6. Overconfident Student.

This is usually a student who was the star of his home-town high school (or more usually prep school), and was sent off to college with honors of some sort. Studying was not usually a prerequisite for this success.

Arriving at Lehigh he expects things to be much the same. He feels that the pattern of extra-curricular activities which meant so much to him in high school will be as appropriate here. Hence, he likes to make lots of friends and engage in those extra-curricular activities which will establish him at Lehigh in the self-gratifying situation that he enjoyed previously.

He believes he has the University's program of study "knocked," and tries to show how easy it is by preparing his homework in a casual way. He shows his "confidence" by indifference to the stresses and problems ordinarily experienced by his fellow students.





This student is hard to deal with because he can always point to his past record as clearcut evidence that all will be well. All the counselors who commented on this man, remarked that all they could do was to let him fall down a couple of times before trying to do anything beyond the usual preliminary warnings. What is done after this depends on the student. In some cases the student recognizes that things are somehow different now, and he changes his behavior (but not necessarily his attitude) accordingly. More frequently this student will cling to his beliefs about the validity of his methods and will continue to try proving that they do work. In this event the counselors all felt that encouragement plus explanations for the failures should be made. "Cushioning the let down resulting from failure," "explanations without criticizing his mistake," are suggested. However, false encouragement (e.g., from well-meaning relatives and friends) should not be given by the counselor, for the essential problem of the student is that he is using a now inappropriate set of standards to assess his progress at Lehigh. The worst outcome for such a student is for him to adopt a careless or indifferent attitude towards his present situation (as a defense against seeing things realistically).

You might keep this and other characterizations in the appropriate places in your Handbook, and add your own notes. By the end of the year I would like you to give me notes on at least two of the typical students listed so that these may be added to the Handbook.

JLF-SLM

#### SPIRITUAL WAGES

Congratulations to the treasurer on presenting a wonderfully clear report on the content (or lack of it) of the Gryphon treasury. I agree whole heartedly that the 10/18 Parents' Day "codktail" party was a real whizzbang. Those Gryphons' parents....

JLF

#### ACCOLADE DEPT:

We're proud to note that Kurt Nemitz has been elected captain of next year's fencing team. It's amazing what being a Gryphon can do.

#### BUT NO ONE DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT DEPT:

After a long absence due to a startling reticence, the Weather-Gryphon once more presumes upon the fates to bring you the trenchant analysis below, Harrumph!

A trend towards milder weather can be expected at least through Wednesday. The arrival of warmer weather will be heralded by the development of occasional rain this afternoon. Clearing weather will be noted on Tuesday, and temperatures should rise well up into the fifties on Wednesday, and possibly to 60 on Thursday.

We have probably seen the last real cold wave of the season (it was 6° on Friday morning). We are not likely to experience temperatures of lower than 15° for the rest of the winter. However, speaking on the basis of history, can probably expect one good snowstorm before spring arrives - don't forget the 21 inches that fell on March 20 last year!

JH

And so, with a great flapping and swishing, the Weather-Gryphon soars once again to his mountain retreat, where, we understand, he keeps a large assortment of crystal balls.

#### PLUTARCH'S LIVES RELIVED:

We recently asked Denis Mulherin to do a biographical sketch of one of his friends, and he kindly sent us the article below, rather bluntly calling it

#### WATCH OUT FOR SPELLING MISTAKES

This is rather a poor way to introduce a Gryphon biography, not revealing the subject's name, but I've simply forgotten what he calls himself! If this description seems vaguely familiar to one of you, would you please drop by and tell Nick, so that he can attach a P.S. to next week's Pricked Ear. Our Gryphon for this week, I do seem to recall, is a tall (6'5"), sober-but-sometimes-jovial Pennsylvania-Dutchman. His parents with his two brothers and two sisters live on a farm just outside of Souderton, Pennsylvania. Although his background of farm life has left him with an appreciation of the wholesome ways of the earth, this Gryphon is planning (with considerable promise) to be a mathematician or physicist. The twinkling eyes, inspired by a medium-rare beef steak, he reserves for those favorite





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